

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

House Committee ordered reported the Homeland Security and the Military Construction appropriations for fiscal year 2004.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S7943–S8008*

**Measures Introduced:** Five bills and two resolutions, were introduced, as follows: S. 1271–1275, and S. Res. 172–173. **Page S7980**

**Measures Reported:**

Special Report entitled “Authorizing Expenditures by Committees of the Senate, with respect to S. Res. 66”. (S. Rept. No. 108–73) **Page S7980**

**Measures Passed:**

*Honoring David Brinkley:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 172, honoring the life of media reporting giant David Brinkley, and expressing the deepest condolences of the Senate to his family on his death. **Page S8007**

*Automatic Defibrillation in Adam’s Memory Act:* Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 389, to authorize the use of certain grant funds to establish an information clearinghouse that provides information to increase public access to defibrillation in schools, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S8008**

**Prescription Drug and Medicare Improvement Act:** Senate continued consideration of S. 1, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to make improvements in the Medicare program, to provide prescription drug coverage under the Medicare program. **Pages S7947–74**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 10 a.m., on Wednesday, June 18, 2003. **Page S8007**

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**Adjournment:** Senate met at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 6:34 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, June 18, 2003. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S8008.)

### Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

#### CPSC AUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Consumer Affairs and Product Safety concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for the Consumer Product Safety Commission, after receiving testimony from Hal Stratton, Chairman, and Mary Sheila Gall and Thomas Moore, both a Commissioner, and William Duross, General Counsel, all of the Consumer Product Safety Commission; R. David Pittle, Consumers Union, Yonkers, New York; Rachel Weintraub, Consumer Federation of America, Alan Korn, National Safe Kids Campaign, Stephen Gold, National Association of Manufacturers, Gary S. Klein, on behalf of the Toy Industry Association, and Robert Polk, on behalf of the National Association of State Fire Marshals, all of Washington, D.C.

**NATIONAL AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES ACT**

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Water concluded hearings on S. 525, to amend the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990 to reauthorize and improve that Act, after receiving testimony from Senator Levin; Barry T. Hill, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, General Accounting Office; Joseph J. Angelo, Director of Standards, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security; Matthew Hogan, Assistant Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Lori Williams, Executive Director, National Invasive Species Council, both of the Department of the Interior; Timothy R.E. Keeney, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere/National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; G. Tracy Mehan III, Assistant Administrator for Water, Environmental Protection Agency; Michael W. Hauser, Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation, Waterbury; James M. Beers, Centreville, Virginia, on behalf of the American Land Rights Association; Sebastian Hargrove, Nature Conservancy of Idaho, Hailey; and James H.I. Weakley, Lake Carriers' Association, Cleveland, Ohio.

**BILATERAL FREE TRADE AGREEMENTS**

*Committee on Finance:* Committee held hearings to examine the implementation of the U.S. Bilateral Free Trade Agreements with Singapore and Chile, focusing on efforts to expand trade worldwide, market access for services, trade in goods and agriculture, electronic commerce, protections for U.S. investors, intellectual property rights, receiving testimony from Senator Bond; Peter F. Allgeier, Deputy U.S. Trade Representative; Jeffrey R. Shafter, Citigroup Global Markets, on behalf of the U.S. Singapore Free Trade Agreement Business Coalition, Sandra Polaski, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, and Paul L. Joffe, National Wildlife Federation, all of Washington, D.C.; Norman Sorensen, Principal International, Inc., Des Moines, Iowa, on behalf of the Coalition of Service Industries; Jim Jarrett, Intel Corporation, Santa Clara, California, on behalf of the Business Software Alliance and High-Tech Trade Coalition; Larry Liebenow, Quaker Fabric Corporation, Fall River, Massachusetts, on behalf of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce; Jon Caspers, National Pork Producers Council, Swaledale, Iowa; Keith Schott, Montana Grain Growers Association, Broadview, on behalf of the Montana Stockgrowers Association; and David Johnson, Warner Music Group, New York, New York, Entertainment Industry Coalition for Free Trade.

Hearings recessed subject to the call.

**AVIATION AND ENVIRONMENT TREATIES**

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the Convention for the Unification of Certain Rules for International Carriage by Air, done at Montreal May 28, 1999 (Treaty Doc. 106-45), Protocol to Amend the Convention for the Unification of Certain Rules Relating to International Carriage by Air Signed at Warsaw on October 12, 1929, done at The Hague September 28, 1955 (The Hague Protocol) (Treaty Doc. 107-14), Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, with Annexes, done at Stockholm, May 22-23, 2001 (Treaty Doc. 107-5), Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade, with Annexes, done at Rotterdam, September 10, 1998 (Treaty Doc. 106-21), Agreement Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Russian Federation on the Conservation and Management of the Alaska-Chukotka Polar Bear Population done at Washington on October 16, 2001 (Treaty Doc. 107-10), Agreement Amending the Treaty Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Canada on Pacific Coast Albacore Tuna Vessels and Port Privileges done at Washington May 26, 1981 (the "Treaty"), effected by an exchange of diplomatic notes at Washington on July 17, 2002, and August 13, 2002 (the "Agreement"); enclosed is the report of the Secretary of State on the Agreement and a related agreement, effected by an exchange of notes at Washington on August 21, 2002, and September 10, 2002, amending the Annexes to the Treaty (Treaty Doc. 108-1), and Amendments to the 1987 Treaty on Fisheries Between the Governments of Certain Pacific Island States and the Government of the United States of America, with Annexes and agreed statements, done at Port Moresby, April 2, 1987, done at Koror, Palau, March 30, 1999, and at Kiritimati, Kiribati, March 24, 2002. Also transmitted, related Amendments to the Treaty Annexes, and the Memorandum of Understanding (Treaty Doc. 108-2), after receiving testimony from Jeffrey N. Shane, Under Secretary of Transportation for Policy; and John R. Byerly, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Transportation Affairs, and John F. Turner, Assistant Secretary for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, both of the Department of State.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 481, to amend chapter 84 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that certain Federal annuity

computations are adjusted by 1 percentage point relating to periods of receiving disability payments;

S. 589, to strengthen and improve the management of national security, encourage Government service in areas of critical national security, and to assist government agencies in addressing deficiencies in personnel possessing specialized skills important to national security and incorporating the goals and strategies for recruitment and retention for such skilled personnel into the strategic and performance management systems of Federal agencies;

S. 610, to amend the provisions of title 5, United States Code, to provide for workforce flexibilities and certain Federal personnel provisions relating to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 678, to amend chapter 10 of title 39, United States Code, to include postmasters and postmasters organizations in the process for the development and planning of certain policies, schedules, and programs, with an amendment;

S. 908, to establish the United States Consensus Council to provide for a consensus building process in addressing national public policy issues, with an amendment;

S. 910, to ensure the continuation of non-homeland security functions of Federal agencies transferred to the Department of Homeland Security, with an amendment;

S. 926, to amend section 5379 of title 5, United States Code, to increase the annual and aggregate limits on student loan repayments by Federal agencies;

S. 1166, to establish a Department of Defense national security personnel system, with amendments;

S. 1245, to provide for homeland security grant coordination and simplification, with amendments;

S. 508, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1830 South Lake Drive in Lexington, South Carolina, as the "Floyd Spence Post Office Building";

S. 708, to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7401 West 100th Place in Bridgeview, Illinois, as the "Michael J. Healy Post Office Building";

S. 867, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 710 Wick Lane in Billings, Montana, as the "Ronald Reagan Post Office Building";

S. 1145, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 120 Baldwin Avenue in Paia, Maui, Hawaii, as the "Patsy Takemoto Mink Post Office Building";

S. 1207, to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 120 East Ritchie Av-

enue in Marceline, Missouri, as the "Walt Disney Post Office Building";

H.R. 825, to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7401 West 100th Place in Bridgeview, Illinois, as the "Michael J. Healy Post Office Building";

H.R. 917, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1830 South Lake Drive in Lexington, South Carolina, as the "Floyd Spence Post Office Building";

H.R. 925, to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1859 South Ashland Avenue in Chicago, Illinois, as the "Cesar Chavez Post Office";

H.R. 981, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 141 Erie Street in Linesville, Pennsylvania, as the "James R. Merry Post Office";

H.R. 985, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 111 West Washington Street in Bowling Green, Ohio, as the "Delbert L. Latta Post Office Building";

H.R. 1055, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1901 West Evans Street in Florence, South Carolina, as the "Dr. Roswell N. Beck Post Office Building";

H.R. 1368, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7554 Pacific Avenue in Stockton, California, as the "Norman D. Shumway Post Office Building";

H.R. 1465, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4832 East Highway 27 in Iron Station, North Carolina, as the "General Charles Gabriel Post Office";

H.R. 1596, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2318 Woodson Road in St. Louis, Missouri, as the "Timothy Michael Gaffney Post Office Building";

H.R. 1609, to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 201 West Boston Street in Brookfield, Missouri, as the "Admiral Donald Davis Post Office Building";

H.R. 1740, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1502 East Kiest Boulevard in Dallas, Texas, as the "Dr. Caesar A.W. Clark, Sr. Post Office Building";

H.R. 2030, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 120 Baldwin Avenue in Paia, Maui, Hawaii, as the "Patsy Takemoto Mink Post Office Building"; and

The nominations of Michael J. Garcia, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security for Immigration and Customs Enforcement, C. Stewart Verdery, Jr., of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security, Susanne T. Marshall, of Virginia, to be Chairman, and Neil McPhie,

of Virginia, to be a Member, both of the Merit Systems Protection Board, Terrence A. Duffy, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, Albert Casey, of Texas, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service, and James C. Miller III, of Virginia, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service.

#### **PHARMACEUTICAL MARKETPLACE BARRIERS**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the legislative and regulatory responses to the Federal Trade Commission Study on barriers to entry in the pharmaceutical marketplace, after receiving testimony from former Senator Howard Metzenbaum; Timothy J. Muris, Chairman, Federal Trade Commission; Dan Troy, Chief Counsel for Food and Drugs, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Sheldon T. Bradshaw, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Counsel, Department of Justice; and Kathleen Jaeger, Generic Pharmaceutical Association, and Bruce Kuhlik, Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America, both of Washington, D.C.

#### **PEER-TO-PEER FILE SHARING**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded hearings to examine whether personal and national security risks compromise the potential of Peer-to-Peer File-Sharing programs, which are Internet applications that allow users to download and share electronic files from other users on the same network, after receiving testimony from Senator Feinstein; Representatives Tom Davis and Waxman; Randy Saaf, MediaDefender, Inc., Los Angeles, California; Alan Morris, Sharman Networks Limited, Sydney, Australia; Chris Murray, Consumers Union, Washington, D.C.; Nathaniel Good, University of California, Berkeley; and Aaron Krekelberg, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis.

#### **SECRET HOLDS**

*Committee on Rules and Administration:* Committee concluded hearings to examine Senate Resolution 151, requiring public disclosure of notices of objections (holds) to proceedings to motions or measures in the Senate, focusing on reforms, unanimous consent, bargaining tactics, leaders, and alternative ap-

proaches, after receiving testimony from Senators Grassley and Wyden; Walter J. Stewart, Secretary of the United States Emeritus, and Sarah A. Binder, Brookings Institution, both of Washington, D.C.; Joseph Cooper, Johns Hopkins University Department of Political Science, Baltimore, Maryland; C. Lawrence Evans, College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia; and Steven S. Smith, Washington University Murray Weidenbaum Center on the Economy, Government, and Public Policy; St. Louis, Missouri.

#### **NOMINATIONS**

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the nominations of Alan G. Lance, Sr., of Idaho, who was introduced by Senators Craig and Crapo, and Lawrence B. Hagel, of Virginia, both to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

#### **NOMINATION**

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the nomination of Frank Libutti, of New York, to be Under Secretary for Information Analysis and Infrastructure Protection, Department of Homeland Security, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

#### **SENIOR HOUSING**

*Special Committee on Aging:* Committee concluded oversight hearings to examine the Department of Housing and Urban Development Section 202 Supportive Housing Services program which targets the housing needs of low- to very low-income elderly, focusing on Federal efforts to provide affordable housing for low-income seniors, after receiving testimony from John Weicher, Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development and Federal Housing Administration Commissioner; David G. Wood, Director of Financial Markets and Community Investment, General Accounting Office; Cynthia Robin Keller, Volunteers of America, Alexandria, Virginia; Tom Herlihy, National Church Residences, Columbus, Ohio; and Lee Ann Hubanks, Plano Community Homes, Inc., Plano, Texas, on behalf of the American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Measures Introduced:** 13 public bills, H.R. 2488–2500; and 1 resolution, H. Con. Res. 221, were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

Pages H5468–69

### Reports Filed:

Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 281, providing for consideration of H.R. 8, to make the repeal of the estate tax permanent (H. Rept. 108–157);

H. Res. 282, providing for consideration of H.R. 1528, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to protect taxpayers and ensure accountability of the Internal Revenue Service (H. Rept. 108–158); and

H.R. 2330, to sanction the ruling Burmese military junta, to strengthen Burma's democratic forces and support and recognize the National League of Democracy as the legitimate representative of the Burmese people, amended (H. Rept. 108–159, Pt. 1).

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**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Dr. David Halpern, Rabbi, Flatbush Park Jewish Center of Brooklyn, New York.

Pages H5416–17

**Recess:** The House recessed at 11:10 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

*Commending the University of Minnesota Duluth Bulldogs for winning the NCAA Women's Ice Hockey Championship:* H. Res. 171, commending the University of Minnesota Duluth Bulldogs for winning the NCAA 2003 National Collegiate Women's Ice Hockey Championship (agreed to by  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas and-nay vote of 423 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 280);

Pages H5418–21, H5437–38

*SEC Accountant, Compliance, and Enforcement Staffing Act:* H.R. 658, to provide for the protection of investors, increase confidence in the capital markets system, and fully implement the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 by streamlining the hiring process for certain employment positions in the Securities and Exchange Commission (agreed to by  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas and-nay vote of 423 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 281); and"

Pages H5421–24, H5438

*Support for Activities to Provide Decent Homes for the People of the United States:* S. Con. Res. 43, expressing the sense of Congress that Congress should participate in and support activities to pro-

vide decent homes for the people of the United States (agreed to by  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas and-nay vote of 421 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 283).

Pages H5424–31, H5444

**Keeping Children and Families Safe Act:** The House agreed to the conference report on Consideration of the conference report on S. 342, to amend the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act to make improvements to and reauthorize programs under that Act by yeas and-nay vote of 421 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 282.

Pages H5439–44

The House agreed to H. Res. 276, the rule that waived points of order against the conference report by voice vote. Earlier agreed to order the previous question by yeas and-nay vote of 226 yeas to 200 nays, Roll No. 279.

Pages H5431–37

**Availability of Classified Documents:** Chairman Goss announced that the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence has authorized access to any Member of the House who wishes to review certain documents provided to the Committee by the Director of Central Intelligence relating to the available intelligence concerning Iraq's weapons of mass destruction program and Iraq's ties to terrorist groups prior to the commencement of hostilities in Iraq. Chairman Goss also announced that the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence ordered H.R. 2417, the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2004, reported favorably to the House with an amendment. The Classified Schedule of Authorizations and the Classified Annex that accompanies the bill will be available for review by Members after the bill is filed.

Pages H5438–39

**Recess:** The House recessed at 3:34 p.m. and reconvened at 4:45 p.m.

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**Late Report:** The Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence received permission to have until midnight on June 17 to file a report on H.R. 2417, Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal year 2004.

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**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appear on pages H5411.

**Referral:** S. 246, S. 500, S. 520, S. 625, S. 635, S. 1015.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Five yeas and-nay votes and recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H5436–37, H5437–38, H5438, H5443–44, H5444–45. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

### **FOOD SECURITY ACT AMENDMENTS; BIOTECHNOLOGY IN AGRICULTURE**

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Rural Development and Research approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 11907, to amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to ensure the availability of funds to provide technical assistance for certain conservation programs of the Department of Agriculture.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing to review Biotechnology in Agriculture. Testimony was heard from David Hegwood, Special Counsel to the Secretary, USDA; Lester M. Crawford, Deputy Commissioner, Food and Drugs, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services; and Stephen L. Johnson, Assistant Administrator, Office of Prevention, Pesticides, and Toxic Substances, EPA.

### **HOMELAND SECURITY AND MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS; SUBALLOCATION OF BUDGET ALLOCATIONS REPORTS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Ordered reported the following appropriations for fiscal year 2004; Homeland Security; and Military Construction.

The Committee also approved the following: Revised Suballocation of Budget Allocations Report, Fiscal Year 2003; and the Suballocation of Budget Allocations Report, Fiscal Year 2004.

### **AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies approved for full Committee action the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies appropriations for Fiscal Year 2004.

### **ULLICO SCANDAL—IMPLICATIONS FOR U.S. WORKERS**

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Held a hearing on "The ULLICO Scandal and its Implications for U.S. Workers." Testimony was heard from Warren E. Nowlin, Partner, Williams Mullen and Damon Silvers, Special Counsel to the Chairman, ULLICO Inc.

In failing to respond to questions, Robert A. Georgine, former President, Chairman and CEO, ULLICO Inc., invoked constitutional privileges.

### **OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH- FAIRNESS ACT**

*Committee on Education and Workforce:* Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing on H.R. 1583, Occupational Safety and Health-Fairness Act of 2003, focusing on Small Business and Workplace Safety. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG AND MODERNIZATION ACT**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Began consideration of H.R. 2473, Medicare Prescription Drug and Modernization Act of 2003.

Will continue tomorrow.

### **FAIR CREDIT REPORTING ACT— BACKGROUND CHECKS AND MEDICAL INFORMATION**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing on the role of FCRA in employee background checks and the collection of medical information. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **SECTION 8 HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity continued hearings on Section 8 Housing Assistance Program: Promoting Decent Affordable Housing for Families and Individuals who Rent. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **FEDERAL DEBT MANAGEMENT—ARE AGENCIES USING COLLECTION TOOLS EFFECTIVELY?**

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Government Efficiency and Financial Management held a hearing on "Federal Debt Management—Are Agencies Using Collection Tools Effectively?" Testimony was heard from Richard L. Gregg, Commissioner, Financial Management Service, Department of the Treasury; William H. Campbell, Assistant Secretary, Management, Department of Veterans Affairs; Theresa S. Shaw, Chief Operating Officer, Federal Student Aid, Department of Education; and a public witness.

### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on International Relations:* Ordered reported H. Res. 277, expressing support for freedom in Hong Kong.

The Committee also unfavorably reported H. Res. 260, requesting the President to transmit to the House of Representatives not later than 14 days after the date of the adoption of this resolution documents

or other materials in the President's possession relating to Iraq's weapons of mass destruction.

#### **TRANSATLANTIC RELATIONS FUTURE**

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on Europe held a hearing on the Future of Transatlantic Relations: A View from Europe. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RESTORATION ACT**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property held a hearing on H.R. 2344, Intellectual Property Restoration Act of 2003. Testimony was heard from MaryBeth Peters, Register of Copyrights, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1616, Martin Luther King, Junior, National Historic Land Exchange Act; and H.R. 1964, Highland Stewardship Act. Testimony was heard from Representatives Lewis of Georgia, Frelinghuysen, Garrett, Kelly and Saxton; Randy Jones, Deputy Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; David Tenny, Deputy Under Secretary, Natural Resources and the Environment, USDA; and public witnesses.

#### **DEATH TAX REPEAL PERMANENCY ACT**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a modified closed rule providing 1 of debate in the House on H.R. 8, Death Tax Repeal Permanency Act of 2003. The rule provides for consideration of the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution, if offered by Representative Pomeroy or his designee, which shall be considered as read and shall be separately debatable for one hour equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment printed in the report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Dunn, Leach, Pomeroy and Hooley of Oregon.

#### **TAXPAYER PROTECTION AND IRS ACCOUNTABILITY ACT**

*Committee on Rules:* Committee granted, by voice vote a modified closed rule providing 1 hour of debate in the House on H.R. 1528, Taxpayer Protection and IRS Accountability Act of 2003. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of

a substitute recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means, as modified by the amendment printed in Part A of the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the bill, as amended. The rule provides for consideration of the amendment printed in Part B of the report, if offered by Representative Rangel or his designee, which shall be considered as read and shall be separately debatable for one hour equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment printed in Part B of the report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representative Portman and Visclosky.

#### **SMALL BUSINESS HEALTH FAIRNESS ACT**

*Committee on Rules:* Heard testimony from Chairman Boehner and Representatives Andrews, Woolsey, Hinojosa, Kind and Kucinich, but action was deferred on H.R. 660, Small Business Health Fairness Act of 2003.

#### **TASK FORCE REPORT—IMPROVE HEALTH CARE DELIVERY FOR VETERANS**

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Concluded hearings on the Report of the Administration's Task Force to improve Health Care Delivery for our Nation's Veterans. Testimony was heard from Leo S. Mackay, Jr., Deputy Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs; David S.C. Chu, Under Secretary, Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense; the following officials of the President's Task Force to Improve Health Care: Charles R. Anthony, Mack G. Fleming, Susan M. Schwartz, Robert W. Spanogle and Harry N. Walters, all Commissioners; and representatives of veterans organizations.

#### **MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG AND MODERNIZATION ACT**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 2473, Medicare Prescription Drug and Modernization Act of 2003.

#### **BRIEFING—NSA OPERATIONS**

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Subcommittee on Technical and Tactical Intelligence met in executive session to receive a briefing on NSA Operations. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 2003

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

### Senate

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* business meeting to consider the nominations of Thomas C. Dorr, of Iowa, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Commodity Credit Corporation, vice Jill L. Long, resigned, and Thomas C. Dorr, of Iowa, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Development, 9:30 a.m., SR-328A.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the New Basel Capital Accord, a proposal issued by the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision to make final modifications for a new capital adequacy framework, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 498, to authorize the President to posthumously award a gold medal on behalf of Congress to Joseph A. De Laine in recognition of his contributions to the Nation, and the proposed Check Truncation Act of 2003, 2 p.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the development of democracy in Burma, to be immediately followed by full committee hearings to examine the nominations of Robert W. Fitts, of New Hampshire, to be Ambassador to Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, and Vanuatu, and Greta N. Morris, of California, to be Ambassador to the Marshall Islands, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of John E. Herbst, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Ukraine, Tracey Ann Jacobson, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to Turkmenistan, and George A. Krol, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Belarus, 4 p.m., S-116, Capitol.

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Fern Flanagan Saddler, Judith Nan Macaluso, Joseph Michael Francis Ryan III, and Jerry Stewart Byrd, all of the District of Columbia, each to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Subcommittee on Employment, Safety, and Training, to hold hearings to examine proposed legislation authorizing funds for the Workforce Investment Act, 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* to hold oversight hearings to examine Native American sacred places, 10 a.m., SR-485.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights, to hold hearings to examine the NewsCorp/DirecTV deal, focusing on global distribution, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

### House

*Committee on Agriculture,* hearing to review multilateral and bilateral agricultural trade negotiations, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, Judiciary and Related Agencies, hearing on FBI Reorganization, 1 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Defense, executive, to mark up appropriations for fiscal year 2004, 3 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies, to mark up appropriations for fiscal year 2004, 10 a.m., B-308 Capitol.

*Committee on Armed Services,* hearing on worldwide U.S. military commitments, 1 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Budget,* hearing on Waste, Fraud and Abuse in Federal Mandatory Programs, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce,* to mark up H.R. 2210, School Readiness Act of 2003, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* to continue consideration of H.R. 2473, Medicare Prescription Drug and Modernization Act of 2003, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing on H.R. 2420, Mutual Funds Integrity and Fee Transparency Act of 2003, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade, and Technology, to consider H.R. 2243, to provide for the participation of the United States in the thirteenth replenishment of the resources of the International Development Associate, the seventh replenishment of the resources of the Asian Development Fund, and the ninth replenishment of the resources of the African Development Fund, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform,* Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations, hearing on "Visa Revocations: Catching the Terrorists Among Us," 11:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on International Relations,* Subcommittee on East Asia and the Pacific, hearing on Reauthorizing the Compacts of Free Association with Micronesia and the Marshall Islands, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources,* hearing on the following bills: H.R. 884, Western Shoshone Claims Distribution Act; and H.R. 1409, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Land Exchange Act of 2003, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Rules,* to report the rule on H.R. 660, Small Business Health Fairness Act of 2003, 1:30 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Small Business,* hearing on the Globalization of White-Collar Jobs: Can America Lose These Jobs and Still Prosper? 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure,* Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management, to mark up the following: Reauthorizing the Economic Development Administration; and other pending business, 10 a.m., 2253 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs,* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing to assess the Department of Veterans Affairs' management of the human subject protections maintained in its nationwide research programs, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.



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**Program for Wednesday:** After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 10 a.m.), Senate will continue consideration of S. 1, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to make improvements in the Medicare program, to provide prescription drug coverage under the Medicare program.

## House Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** Consideration of H.R. 8, Death Tax Repeal Permanency Act (modified closed rule, one hour of general debate); and

Consideration of H.R. 1528, Taxpayer Protection and IRS Accountability Act (modified closed rule, one hour of general debate).

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